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THE NEWS OF THE WEEK

Comprehensive Review of the Important Happenings of the Past Week Collected From the Telegraph Columns.

A court of inquiry will fix the responsibility for the accident to the Charleston.

Major John A. Logan, son of the gallant "Black Jack," was killed by rebels in Lunan.

The wreck of the Charleston was the principal topic of discussion at the last cabinet meeting.

The German emperor's forthcoming visit to England is being looked forward to as of great moment.

The Boers threaten to execute all British officers, whom they hold as prisoners, if Nathan Marks is not released.

Health conditions in the navy are said to be excellent. There are only 34 of the Asiatic squadron in the hospital.

The annual report of Major-General Nelson A. Miles, has been made public. It is extremely brief and formal in character.

The navy is being supplied with Krug-Jorgensen. Ammunition will be interchangeable between the army and navy.

Seven Americans were killed while storming the town of Salina. Seventy-seven dead Filipinos were counted in the trenches.

Two members of a suicide club, at Frankfort, Ind., carried out their compact within 10 days. They were both members of the 15th Indiana volunteers.

According to an agreement just reached the bicycle trust will withdraw from the rubber tire field and permit the tire trust to control all patents.

The efforts of chaplains of the army who have been ordered to the Philippines to have their orders revoked, is occasioning considerable comment in Washington.

According to a statement just issued the Southern Pacific shows a gross increase in earnings of \$2,026,168 and a net increase of \$1,198,573. The Central Pacific is prosperous, too.

Secretary Hay has received the protocol under which the claims against Russia are to be arbitrated. Mr. Asner, a member of the council of state for the Netherlands, is to be the arbitrator.

The project for further naval increases which congress will be asked to authorize at the next session for immediate construction involves 18 warships—6 cruisers and 12 gunboats. Three armored cruisers of the size of the Brooklyn are asked for.

New York's annual horse show has opened.

Carnegie will compete with Rockefeller in lake shipping.

Colonel Webb C. Hayes has captured Aguinaldo's private secretary.

The American Municipal League will meet at Columbus, O., this week.

The Bank of Athens, Athens, Ga., has gone into the hands of a receiver. Its weaker bond's rules in congress will not be disturbed to any great extent.

James J. Corbett has challenged James J. Jeffries, and has posted a \$5,000 forfeit.

The McGiffert case will probably again be referred to the Presbyterian general assembly.

Europe is in need of more money, and England, it is said, may see a 6 per cent rate before long.

Young Republicans from all parts of the United States will banquet at St. Louis in January or February.

The English government declares it is not holding back the news, but is giving out all that comes from South Africa.

The university of Chicago will send an expedition to Southern cities to watch the total eclipse of the sun next May.

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, has offered to arbitrate the piano-workers' strike now on in Chicago.

The supreme court of Oregon has affirmed the decision of the lower court and Magers will have to hang for the murder of Sink, unless the governor intervenes.

The Boers suffered a severe defeat at Ladysmith Thursday morning. The Boer guns were silenced after four hours' fighting, during which their losses were heavy.

Governor Roosevelt favors Wood for the governorship of Cuba. He has induced President McKinley to agree with him on all points, but the question of immediate appointment. This the president desires to leave to congress.

The Boer war will cost Great Britain, it is estimated, \$100,000,000.

Benjamin H. Lee, who will have charge of the Connecticut exhibits at the Paris exposition, held a similar post at the world's fair in Chicago.

Oscar Darling, a well-known civil engineer and inventor, has become the father of his twenty-third child. The last arrival is a son. Mr. Darling is 56 years old.

Wyoming papers predict that Hartville will become a second Pittsford, owing to the rapid development of its hematite ore beds, which are the largest in the world.

The house in Washington in which Abraham Lincoln died has been renovated in accordance with the act of congress providing for it. It is now used as a museum of Lincoln relics.

The Ohio supreme court has rendered a decision which has the effect of legalizing the practice of osteopathy in Ohio without the formality of securing a license from the state medical board.

LATER NEWS.

A special session of the Washington legislature is being talked of.

Vice-President Hobart is weaker. Though he is cheerful, his friends are losing hope.

A steel palace for the mikado of Japan is to be designed and built by Chicago men.

Oklahoma wants statehood. A lobby of 15 persons has been appointed to go to Washington.

There is a movement on foot to hold in Chicago next November an international livestock fair.

Smallpox has broken out among the colored soldiers of the Forty-fifth regiment at Angel Island.

Kentucky Republicans insist on installing Taylor as governor, and it is said force may be used.

The American consul at Pretoria has been refused permission by the state department to handle money for English soldiers.

Two hundred Spanish prisoners have been sent to the province of Panay. A vessel with food and clothing will be sent to them.

A brilliant display of meteors was witnessed at Birmingham, Ala. A number of negroes in their fear, resorted to prayer.

As a result of a collision on the Omaha railroad near Humboldt, S. D., five persons were killed and a number of others fatally injured.

A large force of Boers are reported to be moving south. Sir Alfred Milner, governor of Cape Colony, has issued a proclamation assuring the Dutch that they will receive protection.

The new revolutionary movement is widespread and Columbia is said to be in a bad way. Heavy tribute is being levied for the support of the government and business is practically at a standstill.

The commissioner of Indian affairs, W. A. Jones, in his annual report makes recommendation for more Indian schools. There is to be no extinguishment of the Indian population, but of the tribes.

A German wheat buyer has just made a purchase of several hundred thousand dollars at Kansas City. He gives as a reason for coming to this country that the Russian wheat is of inferior quality this year.

Captain Lebonauer surprised the insurgent force near Capas, and captured 200 of them, with their guns and 10,000 rounds of ammunition and four tons of subsistence. One Filipino was killed, but there was no American casualty.

Three more transports have reached Cape Town.

The town of Troy, Kansas, was wiped out by a fire.

Queen Victoria's visit to Bristol was made the occasion for a display of patriotism.

General Manager Frey, of the Santa Fe, has resigned, his resignation to take effect after January 1.

William Durfee, who built the first copper furnace that used gaseous fuel is dead at Middletown N. Y.

United States Consul Pettit died at Dusseldorf, Germany, as a result of an operation for acute appendicitis.

Representative Hephburn, of Iowa, says he will introduce the Nicaragua canal bill in congress the first day.

A new bank organization in New York will fight the clearing-house by collecting out-of-town checks free of charge.

A report is current in Wall street that the American Sugar Refining Company may soon absorb all competitors.

Representatives of the American Bible Society report that in the interior of China their men are subjected to extreme cruelty.

Andrew Carnegie has offered Tucson, Ariz., a building for a library, provided a site and maintenance of the institution are guaranteed.

The Northern Pacific railroad is seeking borrowers for its surplus money. Wall street brokers being the medium chosen of reaching them.

The transportation subcommittee of the United States industrial commission will hold a 10 days' session in Chicago to hear grievances.

A cyclone wrought havoc in India. Thousands of native dwellings were raised. There were no fatalities, but the loss of property was immense.

John H. Haswell is dead at Albany, N. Y. He was an important factor in developing the steel industry, and was a long time in the government service.

Mrs. Stanford has disposed of all her Southern Pacific stock to the Huntington-Steyer syndicate. Her holdings amounted to 285,000 shares at \$40 per share.

A London express train from Flushing collided with another train near Capello during a fog. Five persons were killed outright and 29 injured, 15 fatally.

A story has reached Victoria from the Orient of Chinese fiends who kidnaped a boy and demanded ransom of the father. In default of payment they sent the dead body of their victim to the parent in a jar of brine.

Although 77 years of age, John A. Peters is still performing his duties as chief justice of the Maine supreme court.

Emperor William will exhibit the Frederick the Great collection of curios, literary treasures and French paintings at the Paris exposition.

The Kansas City & Eldorado railroad has been sold to the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad Company for the amount of its bonded indebtedness, \$225,000.

Floy Sing is the first Chinese child ever admitted to the public schools of St. Louis.

Miss Eva Johnston is the first woman in 20 years to be elected to a professorship in the University of Missouri.

The national debt of Santo Domingo is now about \$25,000,000 gold. The population is somewhat less than 500,000.

The first head of the Vanderbilt family died at the age of 82, the second at the age of 65 and the third at the age of 54.

WRECKED AN ARMORED TRAIN

Derailed Near Estocourt by the Boer Artillery.

BRITISH CAUGHT IN A TRAP

Line Finally Cleared, But Not Until the English Forces Lost Over One Hundred Men Killed and Wounded.

Estocourt, Natal, Nov. 18.—An armored train having aboard half a company of Durban volunteers and half a company of Dublin fusiliers steamed to Chiveley early this morning. On its return it was shelled by Boer artillery placed in four positions. Two trucks in front of the engine left the rails, toppling over. While the train was thus helpless the Durban and Dublin faced the Boers in skirmishing order, and the Boers poured shot and shell into the crippled train. The derailed trucks were with great difficulty removed, and the line was cleared, when the engine and tender steamed back.

During this juncture Lieutenant Winston Churchill, of the Fourth Hussars, son of the late Lord Randolph Churchill, displayed much courage, as also did the driver and fireman.

Wireless Telegraphy at Sea.

London, Nov. 18.—The American steamer St. Paul, just arrived at Southampton, had a unique experience as she approached England. Signer Marconi, from apparatus attached to the mainmast, established communication with instruments at Alum Bay and Poole, and received dispatches from both points regarding the progress of the war in South Africa, the wreck of the United States cruiser Charleston, and other important events.

This intelligence was published in the Trans-Atlantic Times, printed on board ship, the paper selling at \$1 a copy and the proceeds being devoted to the women's fund. W. W. Bradford was the editor.

Big Fight Occurred Last Friday.

Estocourt, Natal, Nov. 18.—A missionary, a native, but a reliable man, who arrived here yesterday from Ladysmith, reports that a big fight took place there Friday, November 10. He says that volunteers went out in the early morning and drew the enemy from their positions into a flat, where the regular force, under Sir George White, outnumbered them by outflanking the Boers, administering a crushing defeat and inflicting great loss. More than 200 Kaffirs, the missionary says, were employed by the Boers to bury their dead, and two trains, each drawn by two engines, carried away the wounded.

Spanish Prisoners.

Washington, Nov. 17.—The president is making efforts to secure the protection of Spanish prisoners with the insurgents in the Philippines. A cable message relating to this subject has been sent to General Otis, and by him forwarded to General MacArthur, with instructions to get it to Aguinaldo if possible. The president requests the kindly and humane treatment of Spanish prisoners, and the message also contains an intimation that any of the insurgents responsible for the ill-treatment of such prisoners will be held to strict account when they are taken by the United States forces operating in the islands.

A Rich Vein of Copper.

Baker City, Or., Nov. 17.—Reliable information is received here today of another rich strike in the Copper Queen mine, situated 22 miles from this city on Powder river, and which was recently purchased from Gilkinson Bros. by Eastern people for \$50,000. A seven-foot vein of high-grade copper ore is uncovered, the wall not yet reached. On the strength of the showing made, Superintendent Gilkinson is pushing work with an increased force of men. The owners of the Copper Queen will now rush the erection of a number of 30 tons daily capacity, plans for which were already on foot.

Negro Question in the South.

Harlem, Ga., Nov. 13.—Congressman Barton and Senator Bacon have received a petition signed by about 100 negroes asking them to use their best efforts to secure the passage of a law whereby the negroes might be deported to Africa. They say that conditions under which they live are not satisfactory, they see no prospect of a change, and it would be better for the two races to separate.

Bombardment of Ladysmith.

Lorenzo Marquez, Delagoa Bay, Nov. 18.—A local newspaper reports that Ladysmith was subjected to a very heavy bombardment all day Tuesday, and that at midnight all the cannons on the hills surrounding the town opened fire simultaneously, pouring shells from all points in the compass. Several buildings afire, the paper asserts, could be distinctly seen from Bulwaha hill.

Fall of a Large Meteor.

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YOUNG'S RAPID PACE.

Cavalry Column Has Nearly Reached Sea-Fabian.

Manila, Nov. 18.—Reports have been received from General Young, dated Humangan, yesterday. Humangan is about 30 miles east of San Fabian. General Young is supposed to have advanced considerably farther toward San Fabian.

A press correspondent telegraphs an account of the rapid pace with which General Young covered the road with his cavalry. The Marabute scouts completely surprised and demoralized the insurgents around the low country. A messenger and reinforcements, who were captured, say the insurgents from San Jose to San Nicholas did not expect the arrival of the young Americans until a day or two after they actually arrived.

Aguinaldo and his government are said to be making desperate efforts to escape to Bayombong. All the information here is that he is still in the low country.

Lieutenant Johnson, with troop M, Third cavalry, captured yesterday at San Nicholas 12 barrels containing the wardrobe of Aguinaldo's wife, some personal effects, the records of the secretary of war, and much commissary and medical supplies. Senora Aguinaldo probably escaped over the divide, but the secretary of war is thought to be inside the lines.

C. W. Hayes, a civilian, and Captain S. Davis, of the Sixteenth infantry, who were held prisoners by the insurgents, have been released.

Colonel Wessels captured at Teynd several hundred thousand pounds of rice, 5,700 pounds of salt, 1,500 pounds of flour, marked "Dayton, O.," 2,800 pounds of sugar, 1,300 new uniforms and hundreds of thousands of Manner shells.

The names of Lieutenant Gilmore and seven of his men were found written on the walls of the convent of San Quintin.

The garrisons in all the towns surprised recently.

General Wheaton has not yet appeared.

The remains of Major John A. Logan, killed in action at San Jacinto Saturday, were buried in Pao cemetery this morning. Many persons followed the body to the grave. Chaplain Pierce officiated, and the Twentieth infantry furnished the escort, which was commanded by Major Hopkins. The pallbearers were the captains of the Twentieth infantry.

SAMOANS WANT LEARY.

Judge Chambers Says They Would Like to Have Him Govern Tutuila.

New York, Nov. 18.—A special to the Tribune from Washington says: Judge Chambers, of Alabama, chief justice of Samoa, discussing the Samoan position and the islands acquired by the United States, said: "The United States will have no difficulty about the government of her Samoan possessions. The natives are of an amicable disposition, and education is general among them. They have a strong love for the United States and ask nothing better than to be governed by Americans. A naval governor will probably be sent to the islands, as in the case of Guam, and the natives should, as they doubtless will, be permitted to preserve as far as possible their own methods of government and their most cherished customs."

The man whom the Samoans would most like to be appointed governor is Captain Leary, who is now governor of Guam. They know him and have the utmost affection for him."

Matte Furnace Exploded.

Butte, Mont., Nov. 1.—A matte furnace at the Butte & Boston smelter exploded at an early hour this morning, but as a carload of wet precipitates was dumped into it. Harry Maughlin was so severely burned and cut by flying pieces of iron that he died about eight hours later. John Koger was also seriously injured, but will probably recover. Maughlin leaves a wife and family in Chicago.

Dewey Is Out of It.

Washington, Nov. 18.—Senator Proctor announces that there is absolutely no possibility of the nomination of Admiral Dewey for the presidency next year. In this connection, he makes the emphatic statement that he is not trying to state a Dewey boom for the presidency. He says that he is in a position to know that since the arrival of Dewey in this country his antagonism to being drawn into politics has been confirmed.

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FOR A FORTY FOOT CHANNEL

Engineer's Plans to Improve Mouth of the Columbia.

JUSTIFIED BY SHIPPING TRADE

Project Will Be Included in Any River and Harbor Bill Prepared in the Coming Session.

Washington, Nov. 20.—The project and plans for deepening the channel at the mouth of the Columbia river to 40 feet have been received by the chief of engineers, but will not be made public until sent to congress. This project will probably be included in any river and harbor bill that is prepared in the coming session. From statistics that have been submitted it is shown that over 1,000,000 tons of exports and imports, valued at \$20,000,000, have been carried by sea-going craft using the river between Portland and the sea during the past year, and it is the general belief that a waterway handling such an immense traffic is entitled to the fullest recognition.

Joined Botha's Forces.

Lorenzo Marquez, Nov. 20.—A dispatch from Lorenzo Marquez says: A Pretoria newspaper announced last Wednesday that 4,000 burghers had left General Jonker's forces around Ladysmith to join Commandant Botha's forces near Estocourt, with a view of assisting to intercept the British advance to the relief of Ladysmith.

General Meyer, the Free State commander, has asserted in the course of an interview, that he is convinced that the battle of Eland's Laagte will be the first and last Boer defeat of the year.

Boers Are Near Estocourt.

Estocourt, Nov. 20.—The Elmo Boers have taken up a position near Estocourt, a few miles north of here. They have eight seven-pounders and two French guns. Their strength is 2,000 men. They have looted Henderson's store. All is quiet and ready for the enemy if he attacks.

Firing on Ladysmith.

Pretoria, Nov. 20.—In the engagement yesterday morning south of Ladysmith, the British advanced with 13 guns, attacking 30 burghers of the Transvaal. The big gun was fired on the troops, who retired at 3 o'clock to Akley, near Ladysmith. The British loss is unknown. The Boers had one man killed and three wounded. In addition, they had 13 horses killed and seven horses wounded.

On to Bayombong.

Manila, Nov. 20.—General MacArthur, with the Thirty-sixth infantry, a battalion of the Seventeenth infantry, a troop of the Fourth cavalry, several gattings, and a detachment of the signal corps, has begun his northward advance from Tarlac, which will be continued to Bayombong, province of Nueva Vizcaya.

NOT PREPARED FOR WAR.

Japan Lacks Both the Money and the Men.

New York, Nov. 20.—A dispatch to the Herald from Shanghai says: Your correspondent has just returned from a trip through Japan and China, where he went to investigate the rumors of a possible rupture between Russia and Japan—rumors which have been mysteriously and persistently circulated for some time, and which have finally found their way into print through English channels. It can be stated authoritatively that these rumors of an approaching war find no corroboration whatever among Japanese officials.

In fact, the Japanese officials point out the fallacy of such rumors by declaring that Japan is in no position to go to war, even if she had the disposition to do so, owing to the condition of her navy.

Experienced and well-informed foreign residents are unanimously of the opinion that no war is hovering over Japan. They declare that Japan cannot go to war for want of money.

American Capital in Venezuela.

New York, Nov. 20.—American capital to the amount of \$3,000,000 has become interested in Venezuela banking, a concession having been granted to George W. Upton, of Ohio, for the organization of a national banking system which will practically control the finances of the country. Mr. Upton, with his wife, reached New York city of the Red D line steamer Philadelphia. Senora Andrade, who was met at San Juan, Puerto Rico, by her husband, the deposed president of Venezuela, who intends to make his home in that island, was also on the Philadelphia. Mr. Upton is enthusiastic over Venezuela. He predicts a long peace for the country, and declares there is no likelihood of war with Colombia.

Annihilated His Family.

Chicago, Nov. 20.—Carrying out a plot he had apparently planned with deliberation, Cornelius Corcoran today shot four of his children, killing two of them, and then ended his own life. The tragedy occurred at his home, 5401 Dearborn street.

Sale of Mines and Smelter.

Seattle, Nov. 20.—It was reported yesterday that the Monte Cristo mines and the Everett smelter had been sold to a German syndicate for \$1,200,000, and that, as a condition of the sale, the Rockefeller syndicate agreed to repair and operate the Everett & Monte Cristo railroad. This agreement, it is said, contained a provision that the tonnage charge on Monte Cristo ore should not exceed \$2 per ton. W. J. Rucker was supposed to have promoted the deal while in New York lately. The story is believed here, but cannot be confirmed.

Short of Artillery.

London, Nov. 8.—The Times publishes the following dispatch from Pietermaritzburg, dated Wednesday, November 13: Estocourt is short of artillery. The garrison may retire to the Moon river, southward, tonight, in case a strong force of Boers should advance. The enemy's intention is to keep back the British relieving column."

The black mullery was dedicated to Minerva because of its slow growth.

METEORS NOT DUE.

An Error Has Been Made and the Leonids Will Be Here Next Year.

Washington, Nov. 20.—"The shower of Leonids will not occur this season. The brilliant spectacle has been announced one year too soon." This announcement has just been made by Dr. L. J. See, one of the most advanced astronomers in the government service. Astronomical calculations have not erred as to the periodicity of the Leonids," said Dr. See, "but the generally accepted conclusion as to the time it takes the Leonids to pass the earth's orbit has been wrong. After the most careful observations made with the best instruments in the service of the government, and after the most accurate calculations in strict conformity to astronomical laws, I am thoroughly convinced that the period of passage is two years, instead of one, as heretofore believed."

"The Leonids have been within the earth's orbit for a year now, and will remain with us for another 14 months. The meteoric shower has not been as heavy this time as there was good scientific reason for believing it would be. That is because we have not struck the thick part of the trail. My calculations, this collision will occur in the middle of November, 1900. Then the resultant display of burning meteors will be as brilliant as the one observed by Humboldt in Venezuela in 1799."

"The present visitation is a counterpart of that in 1863. At that time there were displays in two years, that of 1862 being about as feeble as the present has been, and that of the succeeding year being nearly as striking as that recorded by Humboldt."

ADULTERATION OF FOOD.

More Evidence Is Collected by Senator Mason.

New York, Nov. 20.—The United States senate committee, represented by Senator Mason, of Illinois, today received its investigation into the adulteration of food prepared for market. Dr. Edward H. Jenkins, an agricultural chemist, and vice-director of the Connecticut agricultural experiment station, declared that the general adulteration of food products had increased with business competition and the demand for cheap wares. In his five years' experience, Dr. Jenkins said he had found only one adulterant that was poisonous, and that was a coloring matter in a temperance drink. Coccolite, prussic acid, and lead, he testified, sold as spices. None of these adulterants, except the one color, was harmful to health, but all were frauds on the consumer. More than half the jellies examined were made of glucose and starch paste, colored with artificial coloring, flavored with artificial flavoring, and preserved with salicylic acid. The cheaper grades of coffee were found to contain a large proportion of Canada peas, pea pellets, wheat middlings and chicory.

Election Conspirators Arrested.

Philadelphia, Nov. 20.—Samuel Salton, deputy coroner of this city; Joseph G. Rodgers, lieutenant of the capital police, Washington, and Clarence Messer, employed in the copying division of the congressional library, have been held in \$1,000 bail for trial on the charge of conspiring to make fraudulent election returns in this city. The arrest of the three men was the outcome of testimony adduced at the hearing last week of several residents of Washington, who had been arrested here on a similar charge.

On that occasion, it was testified that a party of alleged repeaters, numbering about 14, had been brought to this city from Washington by Lieutenant Rodgers. Two of these, George Kirkland and W. H. Cook, impersonated election officers in the thirteenth division of the second ward and assisted in the alleged falsifying of the returns and the stuffing of the ballots, while the others, it was testified, were employed as repeaters.

Kirkland testified against his companions, saying that he came here at the instigation of a newspaper to participate in and expose the fraud.

Huntington in Full Control.